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and any number of new and pretty articles, just the very latest fads. We also have a large line of finest

attired in evening dress and the gentlemen in full dress.

Among those present were: Mrs. A. A. Phlegar, Miss Semple, of MartinsMisses Bryan and Dobney, of Charlottesville; Miss Semple, of Martinsville; Miss Langhorne, of Lynchburg;
Misses Hilliary, of Roanoke, and Mrs.

William Lunsford.

The gentlemen were: Messrs. Lunsford, George Cosby, Ran Bryan, W. O.
Hardaway, Harrison Spencer, Richard and Musco Semple, of Martinsville;
Walter Saunders, A. L Payne and Peiham Blackford.

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Brilliant Wedding at the St. John's Episcopal Church,

Where Miss Sallie W. Berkeley Becomes Mrs. William M. Semple-Miss Narnie D. Trent Wedded to Mr. J. C. Gook at the First Presbyterian Church, and Miss Flora Francis and Dr. J. E. Huff United at the Same Altar-A Wedding

One of the most beautiful and impressive marriages ever performed in this city was the nuptuals celebrated at 9 o'clock last evening at St. John's Epis-copal Church of Miss Sallie White Berkeley and William M. Semple. This was the first marriage ever solemnized in St. John's and never before, with possibly one exception, was there so many people gathered within its walls.

The chancel and altar were profusely decorated with beautiful plants and flowers, and while the sweet strains of a beautiful wedding march pealed forth from the grand pipe organ the wedding party marched slowly down the aisle. the bride leaning on the arm of he, father, Capt. W. W. Berkeley, and the groom with his brother, George Sem-

father, Capt. W. W. Berkeley, and the groom with his brother, George Semple. The rector, Rev. Dr. W. H. Meade repeated the ceremony according to the solemn and impressive ritual laid down by the Episcopal Church.

The attendants were: Richard Semple, of Martinsville, with Miss Elizabeth Bryan, of Charlottesville; J. H Spencer, of Martinsville, with Miss Jennie Hilleary; Hon. Claude A. Swanson, member of Congress from the Fifth district, with Miss Janie Semple, of Martinsville; Walter H. Saunders, with Miss Sallie Casby, of Lynchburg; J. Randolph Bryan, with Miss Nannie Cosby, of Lynchburg; Pannill Rucker, of Martinsville, with Miss Mannie Hilleary; H. S. Jones, with Miss Many Phlegar, of Christiansburg; Pelham Blackford, of Alexandria, with Miss Bettie Veyssia, of Ashton, Ky.; George H. Cosby, of Lynchburg, with Miss Janie Dabney, of Charlottesville, and W. O. Hardaway, with Miss Virginia Langhorn, of Lynchburg.

The ushers were: Archer L. Payne, Chisholm Pannill, P. P. Watson and John W. Payne, Jr.

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Capt. W. W. Berkeley, one of the most prominent

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Capt. W. W. Berkeley, one of the most prominent lawyers in Southwest Virginia, and the groom is a wealthy and prominent to-bacconist of Martinsville He is also prominent in political affairs, being the chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Henry county and was an elector on the Cleveland ticket in 1892. After the ceremony the happy party

After the ceremony the happy party were driven to Hotel Roanoke, where an were driven to Hotel Roanoke, where an informal reception was held until midnight when the groom and bride took the northbound train for Washington, where they will spend a few weeks visiting the Capitol City and other places in the North and East before returning to Mr. Semple's home at Martinsville, where they will permanently reside. where they will permanently reside.

On Tuesday night Capt. W. W. Berkeley tendered an old-fashioned East Virginia reception to the friends of the contracting parties at his hand-some residence about one mile east of Vinton. The ladies were handsomely attired in evening dress and the gentle-men in full dress.

ham Blackford.

An elegant supper was served during the evening, after which the guests amused themselves in various ways. The affair was a social success and was greatly enjoyed by those present, who will never forget the old Virginia hospitality shown them by their host and hostose

Cook-Trent.

A large number of people gathered at the First Prosbyterian Church at 9 o'clock yesterday morning to be present at the nuptials of Miss Nannie D. Trent, at the nuptials of Miss Nannie D. Trent, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Capt. William H. Trent, and J. C. Cook, a popular clerk in the general offices of the Norfolk and Western and sergeant of the Roanoke Light Infantry. Marching to the beautiful strains of the wedding march from the organ by Miss Emma S. Dalby, the bride, accompanied by her sister, Miss Ella Trent, approached the altar and was met by the groom and his best man, Sidney Johnson.

Rev. Dr. W. C. Campbell, the pastor of the church, performed the ceremony according to the impressive ritual of the Presbyterian Church.

The ushers were George Bentley, H. Warner, T. W. Trent and N. R. Featherstone.

The bride wore a handsome brown traveling suit and brown hat, while the gentlemen were attired in conventional

lamediately after the ceremony the happy party went to the Union depot where the newly wedded couple took the train for an extensive wedding

Huff-Francis.

One of the prettiest church weddings of the season was witnessed by a large number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties at the First Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon a few minutes before 4 o'clcck when Miss Flora Francis, the accomplished daughter of Mrs. E. A. Francis, was united in marriage to Dr. I. Eldridge One of the prettiest church weddings

Huff, a prominent young physician of Floyd county.

The floral decorations were very beautiful and were much admired.

Miss Ada Payne was maid of honor and Dr. J. Newton Lewis acted as best man.

The ushers were C. W. Francis, Dan Ammen, Frank Helms, of Elliston, and Prof. C. B. Cannaday, of Roanoke Col-

lege.

The groom and bride left on the 4:30 train for their home in Floyd county.

Cofer-Anspaugh.

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Thomas E. Cofer, a popular young man of this city, was united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Methodist Church at Fincastle to Miss Anspaugh, of that place. Harry V. Lineback was best man and Miss Cofer, sister of the groom, was the bridesmaid. J. C. Wallace, of this city, was one of the ushers. The happy couple arrived in the city last evening and will leave to day on an extended wedding trip North.

Special prices to the "Black Crook" matinee Saturday afternoon.

NO HEARING FOR THE COAL AND IRON MEN.

Alabama's Representatives Will Not Ap-pear Before the Tariff Committee.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 .- The iron and coal men of Alabama will not be accorded a formal hearing by the ways and corded a formal hearing by the ways and means committee. For a week or two past Congressman Wheeler, Senator Pugh and others have been interviewing members of the ways and means committee with a view of having a hearing accorded to the representatives of the Commercial Club, of Birmingham, who desired to protest against the proposition now pending in the committee to place iron ore and coal on the free list.

At a recent meeting of the Commercial Club of Birmingham, which is composed of capitalists and manufacturers of that

At a recent meeting of the Commercial Club of Birmingham, which is composed of capitalists and manufacturers of that city, resolutions were adopted calling upon the Alabama Senators and Representatives in Congress to vote against any bill reported by the ways and means committee to place iron ore and coal on the free list.

Chairman Wilson has declined to accord any formal hearings to the Birmingham manufacturers, stating that the committee has long ago closed its public hearings, and that now to make an exception for the Commercial Club of Birmingham would be to open the way for numerous other gentlemen and delegations which demanded to be heard in apprehension of legislation that may effect their interests.

Congressman Wagner, of New York, is protesting vigorously against the placing of coal bagging on the free list and has announced to Democratic members of the ways and means committee that he will vote against their bill if it contains this provision.

Congressman Bland, of Missouri, has also come to those dissatisfied with the

also come to the front lately in the role of one of those dissatisfied with the proposed tariff bill and is reported as threatening to vote against the bill and fight it on the floor of the House if it places wool on the free list.

You can't afford to miss the Slack Crook Saturday, matinee and night. COLONEL O'FERRALL'S RESIGNATION

It Will Be Presented Upon the Eve of His Inauguration As Governor.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 .- Col. Charles T. O'Ferrall, who has just been elected Governor of Virginia, has been in the city for a few days closing up his congressional business with the departments.

He says that he will continue as a

member of congress from the Seventh Virginia district until the evening of

his inauguration as governor.

It is expected that Brown, of Indiana, the senior Democrat in the House committee of privileges and elections, will succeed Colonel O'Ferrall as chairman of that committee.

Cotonel O'Ferrall says that he thinks the Populist movement is ended, at least in Virginia and in the South, and he also thinks it has seen its best days in the West. The contest of the future, he thinks, will be between the old

You can't afford to miss the Black Crook Saturday, matings and night. DARING ROBBERY IN CHICAGO.

Treasurer of a Railroad Company Sand-bagged in the Rookery and Robbed of

CHICAGO, Nov. 15 .- John A. Drake, treasurer of the Indiana. Illinois and Iowa Railroad Company, was sandbagged and robbed of \$20,000 in the office of the company, on the ninth floor of the Rookery building, at 7 o'clock to-

Drake had the money in a little hand satchel and was preparing to go out on the road to pay the employes. He had first placed the cash in the valise and was about to leave the office when two men stole up behind him and felled him to the floor by several hard blows on the head. The robbers grabbed the satchel and made their escape.

You can't afford to miss the Black Crook Saturday, matines and night. TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Directum-Alix race at Boston has been postponed until to-day on account of rain.

Abner Slaughter and Doc Smith killed each other at Greenville, N. C., yesterday in a fight with pistols over disputed land.

W. H. Gibbs, the late Republican postmaster at Memphis, Tenn., has been indicted forembezzling \$3,920 from the Government.

THE CITY'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Planfor Bringing Another Trunk Line Into Roanoke.

The Rospoke Construction Company Organized Last Night-A Charter Will be Asked for To-day-An Address to the Public from the President of the New Company-Subscriptions Will be Asked for, But the Money Will Not be Required Until the Road is Built-Who the Promoters of the Scheme Are.

For over a year a number of leading citizens of the city have been considering the idea of building a competing line of railroad to connect with some trunk line other than the Norfolk and Western. A plan which for several weeks has been under consideration by weeks has been under consideration by a number of citizens culminated last night in the organization of a construction company, which proposes to go to work at once to build a road to connect either with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad or the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad in Botetourt county at a distance of about thirty miles from Roanoke.

railroad or the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad in Botetourt county at a distance of about thirty miles from Roanoke.

The name of the new company organized last night, and for which a charter will be applied for to-day, is the Roanoke Railway Construction Company. The officers for the first year, who were elected last night are:

President, R. H. Woodrum, of Roanoke; vice-president, J. Fred Effinger, of Staunton; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Coon, of Roanoke. Board of directors: James S. Siamons, Lucian H. Cocke, M. A. Rife, R. H. Woodrum and M. H. Claytor, of Roanoke; Mosby H. Payne, of Buchanan; E. Dillon, of Lexington, and J. Fred Effinger, of Staunton.

The officers, as well as the other gentlemen who were instrumental in the organization of the company, are men of means, public spirit and enterprise. They believe in the success of their plans and prophecy that within a year's time another great trunk line will radiate from the Magic City.

The plan of operation which is to be pursued by the company, briefly, is this: Every citizen of he city will be asked to consider just how much this road would be worth to him individually and to subscribe that amount, which is not to be paid until the road is built and actually in operation.

The gentlemen interested in this enterprise are assured that if a sufficient amount is raised in this manner by the citizens of this city that outside capital will at once take hold of the matter and unite in the speedy construction of this road, the need of which is greatly feit by the business interests of Roanoke.

Appended is a card from R. H. Woodrum, the president of the Construction Company:

"To the Citizens of the City will accept the contraction of the co

Company:

"TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE: You will see from the columns of THE ROANOKE TIMES that a construction company was organized last night, charter for which will be secured to day, for the purpose of constructing a railroad from the city of Roanoke to some point in the county of Roanoke to some point in the county of Botetourt to connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad or the Baltimore and Ohio railroad or possibly both. The question has been under consideration for several weeks, the principal effort being to get a suitable president for the construction company, but after earnestly soliciting several well-known gentlemen who are eminently qualified for the position and having them to decline for reasons satisfactory to themselves, I have been prevailed upon to undertake the presidency of the company with the hope and belief that the construction of the road can be successfully carried through.

fully carried through.
"Allow me to state that it only mains for the citizens of the city of Roanoke to assist in building the road to the extent of their ability, and what they themselves will come to the conclusion that they can afford to do. It is not proposed to ask the citizens of the not proposed to ask the citizens of the city of Roanoke to pay any money on an experiment or to contribute to the want of experience of the construction com-pany or its officers, but for each indi-vidual to make up his mind what the construction and operation of a com-peting railroad would be worth to him, and to come forward without delay and agree in writing to give that much to the construction company when the railroad shall have been built and in

railroad shall have been built and in operation.

"I say to you frankly that if every citizen in the city of Roanoke will do this, in my opinion, the road will be built and in operation inside of twelve months. If each individual after coming to the conclusion that the road will be worth \$1.000 to him individually. be worth \$1,000 to him individually, and then propose to give \$100, and keep out of the way as long as he can from giving that, then the road cannot be built; but it is the duty of every citizen who owns real estate in the city of Roanoke or is in business in the city of come forward at once, say what the road will be worth to him, built and in operation, and agree to give that amount when it is built and in operation, and not undertake to wait and see if some one else won't build the road for his benefit.

"We must all stand together and do our duty, and the road can be built. I our duty, and the road can be built. If a sufficient amount can be secured in this way payable when the road is completed, parties who are amply able to build the road can be found to furnish the money and do the work upon the promise in writing of the good citizens of the city of Roanoke that they will pay for it when done.

Honing that you will all come forward.

Hoping that you will all come forward and in a businesslike way aid the enand in a business...
terprise, I remain,
"Very respectfully,
"R. H. Woodrum."

Three gorgeous ballets and the grand march of the Amazons in the "Black Crook," Saturday matinee and night. Heavy Snowstorm in New York. ONE THOUSAND copies Seaside Library, ten cents a copy, at Thompson & Meadows'.

THOSE 813 GIVEN AWAY

he plan for saving \$13 in the purch; The plan for saving 313 in the purchase of the necessities of life is meeting with a hearty reception by the people of this city, who know a good thing when they see it. It isn't often that a paper is able to make such a liberal offer, and people are not slow in appreciating the full benefit of it. But it must be understood that The Times is running no coupon arrangement. The tickets printed in another column area. The tickets printed in another column are only fac-simile of those which are presented to every subscriber when six dollars is paid in advance for a year's sub-scription to The Times. The advertise scription to The Times. The advertise-ment is only to show you the idea of the whole plan. Tickets which will insure you the discount stated on each can be ob-tained through agents of The Times, or at the publication office, No. 123 Camp-bell avenue southwest.

DEATH OF ADJT. GEN. M'DONALD.

He Had Been a Noted Editor and Prominent State Official.

RICHMOND, Nov. 15 .- Hop. Jas Mc-Donald, who for nearly half a century has been a conspicuous figure in public life as an editor, secretary of the commonwealth and adjutant general, died

life as an editor, secretary of the commonwealth and adjutant general, died this morning.

General McDonald was born near Lynchburg in 1824. When a youth he attended Fleetwood Academy in Nelson and subsequently Richmond College, where he was graduated. After leaving college he took a course in law under Judge Lucas P. Thompson, of Staunton, and began the practice of his profession in Lynchburg. He afterwards gave up his law practice and became associated with Jos. R. Irving, a celebrated politician in those days who was conducting the Lynchburg Patriot.

On the death of Mr. Irving General McDonald, who had already made an enviable reputation as an editorial writer, became associated with Mr. Terry as editor of the Lynchburg Virginian. Mr. Terry soon died and young McDonald succeed to the position of editor in chief. After he left the Virginian he was editor of the Petersburg Intelligencer. From Petersburg he went to Richmond as associate editor of the Whig, filling the position of editor in chief during the war.

The deceased began his career as a public official as secretary of the commonwealth during the administration of Governor Walker. He was re-elected during the administration of Governor Walker. He was re-elected during the administration of Kemper and Holiday. Governor Kemper appointed him adjutant general, which position he filled continuously to the time of his death.

General McDonald was a brother of Hon. Alexander McDonald, minister to Persia. He leaves also one sister, Mary

Hon. Alexander McDonald, minister to Persia. He leaves also one sister, Mary McDonald Rudd, of Union, W. Va. The

McDonald Rudd, of Union, W. Va. The funeral will take place at noon to-morrow from St. Paul's.

The pallbearers will be as follows: Honorary—Governor McKinney, Judge Waller R. Staples, Col. A. Buford, Gen. Cnas. J. Anderson, Hon. H. W. Flournoy, Mr. Jas. Pleasants, Capt. W. F. Drinkard, Capt. Phil Hawall, Dr. Wm. P. Palmer and Maj. Baker P. Lee.

Active—Levin K. Joyner, Frank A. Davenoort, John Lyons, Barton Haxall, S. G. Wallace, Bernard Priton, Jr., Jo. Lane Stern and John D. Snyder.

Lane Stern and John D. Snyder.

MURDERED FOR \$100. A Negro Crushes Y. M. Langdon's Skull at

Three gorgeous ballets and the grand march of the Amazons in the "diack Crook," Saturday matinee and night.

the Instigation of His Partner. DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 15 .- On Sunday night October 29 Y. M. Langdon, a prominent business man, after stepping from a street car and just before reaching his gate, was murdered by a negro armed with a piece of gas pipe who dealt him a blow which crushed in his skull, causing almost instant death. Detectives went to work on the case,

and yesterday arrested John Harris, colored, at Lampass. The negro was brought here last night, and made a full confession, stating that William G. Parrish, the murdered man's partner in husiness had employed him to be supported by the support of business, had employed him to commit the murder. Parrish was arrested last night and jailed.

About midnight he made an attempt

to commit suicide by butting his head against the iron bars of his cell door. It is believed he will recover. Parrish, it is stated, held a \$10,000 policy on Language.

Langdon's life.

Harris is said to have committed the murder for \$100, mailed to him by Parrish.

Convicts Escaped From a Penitentiary.

COLUMBIA. S. C., Nov. 15.—Three white convicts named Henry Goggans, Riley Phillips and W. E. Moore, working on the penitentiary State farm, overpowered the guard at 10 o'clock this overpowered the guard at 10 o'clock this morning, took his gun from him and made their escape. Henry Goggans escaped in March, 1888, and was recaptured in September last and returned to the penitentiary. He is rather a desperate character. A posse is in pursuit of the fugitives suit of the fugitives.

Chinamen Released from Custody. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.-United States Marshal Long has received a States Marshal Long has received a telegram from Attorney-General Olney directing the release of the Chinese, whom he has arrested for violation of the Geary act. Fourteen were in the marshal's custody for the offense, and to-day they were let out of the county

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Forty-Nine Cases of Fever at Brunswick. BRUNSWICK, Ga.. Nov. 15 — There were six new cases of yellow fever reported to-day, none of which were white. After carefully revising the list of patients under treatment a total of fortynine are left, seven of which are white and forty-two colored. and forty-two colored.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Nov. 15 .- A terrific snowstorm prevails here, assuming blizzard proportions at times. About eight inches of snow have fallen. Out of

CLEVELAND GOES TO NEW YORK.

Makes a Mysterious But Brief Visit to the Metroplisa

It is Denied That He Went to Have Another Operation Performed on His Jaw-Dr. Bryant Denounces the Action of the Newspapers in Circulating the Rumors About His Ill-health as Criminal-The President Dined With the Doctor and Then Attended the Thestre-He Returned to Washington Last Night.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 .- President Cleveland, accompanied by Secretary Lamont, took the 11:30 express train over the Pennsylvania railroad for New York last night. No inkling had been allowed to escape of his intention or destination and the first knowledge of

his departure was gained from people who recognized him at the depot.

Private Secretary Thurber refused absolutely to make any statement whatever about the President's movement and only remarked that he had left town after he had been informed that Cleveland had been seen to board the train in the Pennsylvania station last night.

town after he had been informed that Cleveland had been seen to board the train in the Pennsylvania station last night.

Later in the day Thurber was requested to make some definite statement, in view of prevalent talk throughout Washington that the President had left town to undergo another operation, but Thurber declined to say anything further than, "The only true statement is that the President has gone away on a jaunt and will be back to-morrow."

Secretary Herbert said the rumor that another operation was to be performed was all nonsense, "If anything like were going on," he added, "I would have known it."

Dispatches from New York say that President Cleveland and Secretary Lamont arrived at the Hotel Victoria early this morning. An hour after breakfast the pair took a carriage and drove off, leaving no word as to their destination. This is the extent of facts that can be obtained up to this writing as to the President during his morning stay. He left word that to all inquirers that he was no caliers at the hotel for the President during his morning stay. He left word that to all inquirers that he was here on purely personal business. Dr. Bryant, Mr. Cleveland's physician, was seen at noon in his office, No. 54 West Thirty-sixth street. Dr. Bryant, in town, but I have not seen him."

"Do you expect to see him?"

"I cannot say," answered the doctor. Dr. Bryant gave a very forcible reply to the next question if the President was here on account of his health and for the purpose of undergoing another operation for the removal of diseased mouth tissue.

"I will say this and no more," said the doctor, with considerable vehem.

operation for the removal of diseased mouth tissue.

"I will say this and no more," said the doctor, with considerable vehemence. "Mr. Cleveland's health is all right. If the newspapers get up any sensational story about his having any serious physical ailment it will be outrageous if not even criminal."

THE PRESIDENT ESTIPMS

THE PRESIDENT RETURNS.

New York, Nov. 15 — President Cleveland rode out this afternoon and at 6:30 o'clock went to dine with Dr. Bryant. In the evening the party attended "Erminie" at the Broadway Theatre, and at 11:40 o'clock the President boarded President Thompson's private car at the Pennsylvania depot en route for Washington.

OTHER WASHINGTON NOTES.

Treasury Balance and Workings of the Ways and Means Committee.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. — The net

treasury balance to-day declined to \$98,088,974, of which \$84,994,476 was in net balance will again rise above \$100. 000,000 without some Congressional or

part of the members of the ways and means committee to keep everything quiet, some of the details of the committee's work are gradually becoming public. There is apparently no doubt that wood and coal and iron ore will be placed on the free list. Upon these points there is now practical unanimity. points there is now practical unanimity, although until recently it was a mooted question whether it would not be advisable to retain a fair duty on the two articles last named. It is understood that a material reduction will be made on steel rails.

A meeting of all the Democratic mem-bers of the committee will be held to-morrow, at which time the sub committees having in charge the various schedules will submit their reports. The bill, it is expected, will be ready in a week and will then be reported to the full committee and made public the

same day.

Chairman Wilson believes that the bill will be taken up in the House and generally debated for about ten days preceding the holiday recess. An effort preceding the holiday recess. An effort will be made to close the general debate as quickly as possible in order that the House may proceed to consider the measure under the five minute rule. There is no intention on the part of the Republican members of the House to filibuster against the bill.

The efforts made yesterday by Minister Thurston to obtain sox ething definite concerning the exact policy to be pursued towards Hawafi in an interview with Secretary Gresham falled of

view with Secretary Gresham falled of accomplishment, according to confi-dential friends of the minister.

dential friends of the minister.

Mr. Thurston said afterwards that he learned so bing new of interest from Mr. Gresham, but he carried away the impression from what the Secretary said that the United States did not intend to use force in any circumstance in restoration of Queen Lilioukalani.

THE WEATHER.

executive action.

Notwithstanding precautions upon the